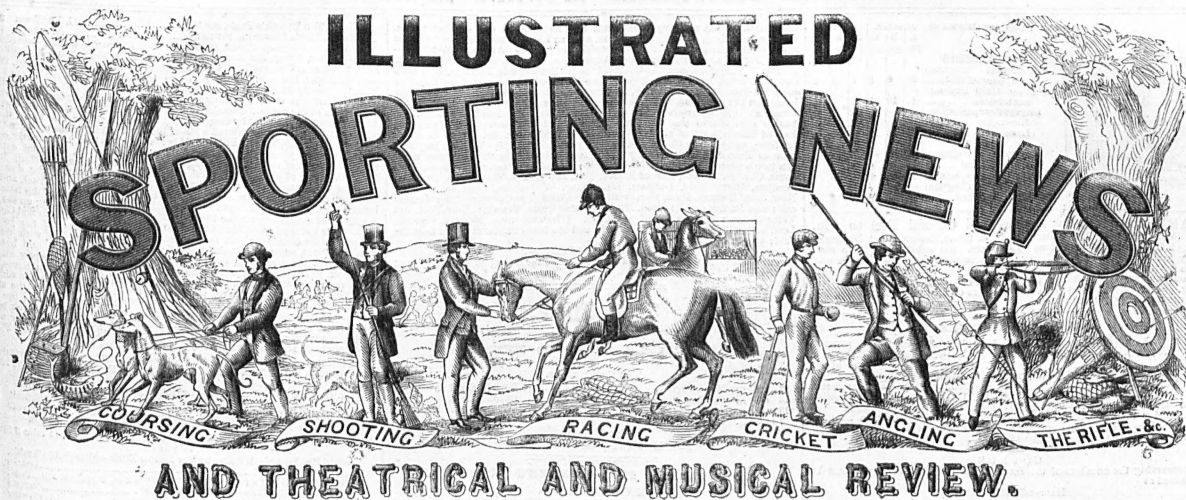


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SHOOTING.

THERE was but a meagre attendance last Saturday afternoon at the Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester, to witness the match between William Smith, of Kildwick, and Alfred Hindrod, the once noted pedestrian, the former to shoot at 10 pigeons, and the latter at 12, for £20 a side. The conditions were, that the competitors should use 1½oz shot, stand 21 yds from the trap, and the birds should be within a boundary of 60 yds. Mr. Thomas Hayes, the proprietor of the grounds, was mutually agreed upon as referee. The wagering was limited at £101 on Smith, who won the contest by three birds. The score being:—Smith, 111011111; Hindrod, 011100101.

NOVEMBER MATCH.—Mr. R. and Son are matched against Mr. Piero Holroyde, of Miffield, to shoot at pigeons, for £25 a side, 21 yds rise, 80 yds boundary, and 1½oz shot. Mr. R. and Son to stand one yard from each other. To take place at the Royal Oak Grounds, Manchester, May 7. Mr. George Martin is appointed stakeholder, and is to find a referee. £5 a side is down, and the remainder is to be made good on May 2.

RABBIT COURSEING.

THE City Grounds, Manchester, were visited by upwards of 400 persons last Monday afternoon, the chief attractions being a match between E. Holmes' Lady, and S. Swift's Lill, both of Longton, to run the best of 21 courses, 60 yds' law, for £10 a side. The betting was 6 to 4 on Lill. The match proceeded till Lill caught 9 rabbits, whilst Lady only secured four. The animals then fought at every course until thirteen were undecided, and the consequence was that the match was relinquished, and each party draw their own money.

NIP AND BILL LANG.—Mr. James Holden is in receipt of £10 a side on account of the match between W. Proudman's Nip, and Mr. Grogan's Bill Lang, both of Manchester, to run 11 out of 21 courses, for £25 a side. To take place this (Saturday) afternoon.

NIP AND LUCY.—A match has been made between W. Proudman's Nip, of Manchester, and C. Miller's Lucy, of Openshaw, to run the best of 31 courses for £10 a side, on May 1. Mr. J. Holden has received £1 a side, and £4 each is due this day (Saturday).

COPENHAGEN GROUND, MANCHESTER.—A further deposit has been handed to Mr. Hayes, making £5 a side now down, in respect of the match at rabbits, 11

out of 21 courses, 60 yds' law, between J. Holmes' Lady, and W. James Miss chief, both of Longton, Staffordshire, for £ a side, and the remainder of the money is due on the day (May 9).

ROYAL OAK GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—Mr. J. Shackleton, of Bingley, has matched his Dutchman against A. Bailey's Skip, of Denholme, to run the best of 21 courses, on May 16, neither dog to exceed 12lb in weight. £5 a side has been handed to Mr. J. Holden, and the ceremony must be repeated this (Saturday) evening.

ARRIVAL OF BRITISH BIRDS.—The *Hants Advertiser* continues to chronicle the arrival of birds in the neighbourhood of Southampton. The cuckoo and nightingale were, it appears, heard for the first time this season on the 14th instant. "We have had," says a writer in that journal, "for more than a fortnight in our possession, two of the beautifully and wonderfully artistic nests of the long-tailed, keeping one on a branch of holly, the other in a dead branch of a maple tree, both of them taken on Southampton-common this early in the season. They are bespangled with tiny specimens of silver-coloured lichens."



GARRICK, THE CELEBRATED ACTOR.

PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME.

APRIL.

30. One mile handicap, for gentlemen amateurs only, for a silver cup, value 40 guineas, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
 30. Hey and Wimpenny—300 yards, £25, Warren House, Lindley-moor.
 30. Ross and Shaw—225 yards, £10 a side, St. Thomas's Grounds, Stanningley.
 30. Mills and Patrick—150 yards, £20 a side, St. Thomas's, Stanningley.

MAY.

2. Edwards and Malkin—100 yards, £20 a side, Edwards to have three yards start, High Park, Fenton.
 2. Quille and Smith—120 yards, £20, Smith to receive two yards start, Strawberry Hotel, Liverpool.
 6. 7. Athletic sports at Cheltenham College.
 7. Farrand and Spencer—200 yards, £10 a side, Warren House, Lindley-moor.
 7. Boothroyd and Oldfield—300 yards, £20 a side, St. George's, Honley.
 10. 21. All England 150 yards handicap, £10 in money prizes, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
 14. Longley and Thompson—quarter of a mile, £25 a side, Royal Oak, Newton Heath, Manchester.
 14. 16. All England Handicap, 150 yards, £30 in money prizes, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
 16. Hatcliffe and Wilkinson—440 yards, £10 a side, Warren House, Lindley-moor.
 16. Lambeth and Weaving—120 yards, Weaving receiving a yard start, £10 a side, Aston-cross.
 16. Evans and Morris—120 yards, £10 a side, Aston-cross.
 16. 17. All England Handicap, 225 yards, £50 in money prizes, Ryde Park.
 17. 18. Handicap 200 yards, £25 in money prizes, Queen's Hotel, Sheffield.
 21. All England 150 yards Handicap, £10 and other money prizes, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
 21. Green and Thompson—600 yards, £25 a side, Royal Oak, Newton Heath, Manchester.

AUGUST.

1. Perry and Roberts—to walk 50 miles, £5 a side, Brompton

HACKNEY WICK.

METROPOLITAN GROUND, MONDAY.—THE TEN MILE CHAMPION CUP RACE BETWEEN WHITE AND SANDERSON.—The recurring contest for M. J. C. Baum's champion challenge cup occasioned a match on the above day, between White, of Gateshead, and Sanderson, of Rochdale. The cup was held by White, who made his right good to hold the same against all challengers by the victory obtained over E. Mills, of Bethnal-green, in February last. Sanderson was made a decided favorite, the odds of 3 to 1 being offered. The race was fixed for six o'clock, and soon after the pedestrians came on the ground. White being attended by the well-known Robert Dunn, of Norwich. On starting the pedestrians went away a steady pace, the lead being taken by White, his opponent following some two yards in the rear, and in this position they continued racing throughout the whole of the first mile, which was accomplished in 5 min, the first two miles being done in 10 minutes 4 seconds, a proof that the pace had been, as yet, nothing extraordinary for men of such well-trying and acknowledged speed. At the commencement of the third mile Sanderson challenged his man for the front position, and after a pretty well executed spurt came to the front, and led up to the nineteenth round, when, in coming down the straight for the completion of this lap, White once more led, and on the termination of the third mile (15 min.) was some three yards in advance. Four miles was done in 19 min. 50 sec., five miles, half the distance, being accomplished in 20 min. 40 sec., and now it was apparent that the Gateshead clipper must win, as he was completely out-pacing his opponent. White, it may be said, had never made an attempt to force the pace until the men were well into the third mile, and from that moment he may be said to have had the race "safe," as Sanderson, after making one momentary effort in the twenty-fifth lap, fell rapidly more in the rear, and when he pulled up on the finish of the thirty-seventh round, this being the third lap of the sixth mile, was fully half a lap behind. White was not required to run the distance out. The backers of Sanderson expressed an opinion that had not their man been labouring from a sudden attack of "stitch" in the side, which seized him at the commencement of the fourth mile and rapidly grew worse, that he would have made a much more worthy finish.

HANDSWORTH.

COPENHAGEN GROUND, SATURDAY.—GENTLEMEN'S AMATEUR WALKING MATCH.—This important event, for a silver cup prize, came off, under most favourable auspices, on the afternoon of the above day; and, as the competitors included some of the prominent aristocracy of the day, marked interest was taken in the proceedings. The circumference of the course is exactly 440 yds, so that



THE LATE SAM COWELL, THE WELL-KNOWN COMIC VOCALIST.

purpose of preventing mistake or confusion, these regulations should be strictly adhered to. Punctual to the hour named for the start Mr. H. Stewart, Mr. W. Horton, Mr. C. Beaufort, and Mr. A. Bridge came to the mark, and all being in readiness the start was made, the whole of them going off at a good steady pace, the lead being taken by Mr. Horton, followed by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Bridge, and Mr. Beaufort in the rear. Throughout the first ten miles there was little alteration in the position of the men, and on the termination of this portion of the distance the lead was still in favour of Mr. Horton, who walked the ten miles in 1 hour 36 min. 40 sec.; Mr. Stewart's time being 1 hour 36 min. 50 sec.; Mr. Bridge's, 1 hour 37 min. 17 sec.; Mr. Beaufort's, 1 hour 37 min. 15 sec. From this it will be seen the whole of the competitors had been keeping well together from the start. The first twenty miles were accomplished by Mr. Stewart in 3 hours 20 min. 50 sec.; by Mr. Horton in 3 hours 20 min. 5 sec.; and by Mr. Bridge in 3 hours 21 min. 10 sec. These gentlemen were the only three that were now left in the match. At two o'clock, when the pistol was fired for the competitors to stop for dinner, Mr. Stewart, who had now gone well to the fore, had covered 25½ miles, Mr. Horton being one lap and 130 yds to the lead. These gentlemen were the only two that were then walking; Mr. Bridge, who from his condition stood in need of rest, having pulled up on the completion of the 25th mile. When the dinner was over, Mr. Horton did not come on the ground until Mr. Stewart had walked three laps. Mr. Bridge, who came again to the "collar" for the off chance of a break-down, being four miles in the rear of the leading man, walked on until 3½ miles had been accomplished, when he stopped and retired from the struggle. The lead was maintained by Mr. Stewart throughout the remainder of the match, and on the finish he went in the winner, Mr. Horton being three-quarters of a mile in the rear. The official time when Mr. Stewart passed for the completion of this arduous task was 58 min. 5 sec. past 6 o'clock p.m., so that from the start ten hours had gone all but 1 min. 55 sec. From this it is deduced the time consumed at dinner was 36 minutes in all having elapsed before the struggle was re-commenced on the part of Mr. Stewart. Thus it will be seen that the actual time occupied by the winner in accomplishing the 50 miles was 5h. 22 min. 5 sec.

BROMPTON.

RACE BETWEEN W. JONES, OF BIRMINGHAM, BRITNELL, OF STEFNEY, AND H. ANDREWS, OF HOLBORN.—There was a capital attendance assembled on Mr. J. Roberts's ground on Saturday last to witness the five-mile race between the above well-known pedestrians, for a sweepstakes of £10 each. The competitors had to make 20 laps. The start being effected, the trio went away at a fine pace, the lead in favour of Andrews, Britnell and Jones being close up. The race was well sustained, the competitors being never more than 10 yds apart until four miles and three-quarters had been completed, when Jones challenged the two leading men for the "pride of place," came to the front despite their tire running, and went by the goal a gallant winner, Britnell being second, and Andrews finishing third.

BOW.

RACE BETWEEN MR. B. AND MR. M. (OF STRATFORD).—These amateurs met on Mr. C. Wilson's ground, on Saturday last, to contend for superiority in a race of 100 yds, for £10 a side. The betting was 6 to 4 on Mr. B., and the preliminaries adjusted, the competitors came to the mark, having to go by report of pistol. The competitors, who got off in admirable style, ran well together until 70 yds of the distance had been covered, when Mr. B. came well away with the lead, and went in a winner of a well-contested race by three yards.

CHALK FARM.

RACE BETWEEN EDWARDS AND VANCE.—These men met on Saturday last to run their mile race, for £5 a side. The betting was in favour of Edwards; and, the umpires and referee being appointed, the men came to the mark. On getting off, the lead was held by Venus for 170 yds of the distance, when Edwards, who had been running with his opponent with admirable judgment, put on a spurt, wrested the lead from him, and finished the winner of a well-contested race by 10 yds.

RACE BETWEEN HANCIETT AND HOWARD.—These men likewise ran 100 yds for a "river" side, when, after a good race from end to end, Howard went in a winner by two yards.

HANDICAP RACE OF 150 YDS.—This was for prizes given to be contested for by the proprietor, and after the preparatory heats had been brought to a satisfactory issue the following pedestrians, as the three best men who had been left in, were brought together to contend for final supremacy, and, according to the conditions of the handicap, started thus, viz.—Phillips 8 yds start; Bishop, 14; Shute, 12. A well-contested race all through, and terminating in Shute, who held the lead, going in a winner by three yards.

CIVIL SERVICE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The members of the Civil Service held their first annual meeting for athletic sports on Friday and Saturday week at Beaufort House, Waltham-green, which had been kindly lent to them by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Viscount Ranelagh, and vast numbers of persons visited the grounds. The prize



MERRY HART, THE WINNER OF THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.

were numerous and valuable, and were presented by Lady Althorpe at the close of the sports. The successful competitors were as follow:—One hundred yards flat race—first, High jump running—first, Lambert; second, Pym. High jump standing—Norton. Four hundred and forty yards flat race—first, Pym; second, Allanson; third, Callow. Putting the stone—Harris. Throwing the hammer—Macnamara. Three miles walking race—first, Neighbour; second, Chapman; third, Herbert. Pole-leaping—first, Lambert; second, Westmacott. Half-mile race—first, Norton; second, Gibbons; third, Stobbing. Broad jump, running—first, Macnamara; second, Lambert. Broad jump, standing—Lambert. Two hundred yds hurdle race—first, Spencer; Smith; second, Moore; third, Badington. Hopping-race, 50 yds. High hop, Cresswell. One mile race—first, Pym; second, Gibbons; third, Allanson. Throwing the cricket-race, 200 yds, Hunt. Mr. Herbert, who officiated as secretary, deserves great praise for his management, and he was ably assisted by Mr. E. Page, who was starter, and Mr. Charles Westhall, as judge.

BIRMINGHAM.

ROYAL ALBERT GROUNDS, ASTON-CROSS.—Under the favourable auspices of brilliant and genial weather, there was a good gathering at these grounds on Saturday last, when Clude's Novice Handicap were inaugurated for the season. Shortly after five o'clock, business commenced as under. Distance 200 yds.—First heat: J. Turner, 41 yds start (absent); G. Luck, 42 (absent); B. Youen, 45; G. Johnson, 46 (absent); A. walk over for Youen. Second heat: J. Hodson, 42 yds start (absent); G. Ellis, 43 (absent); W. Evans, 50. Evans followed Youen's example and walked over. Third heat: Smith, 38 yds start; C. Eglington, 41; E. Yeomans, 43 (absent). A magnificent race between Smith and Eglington, the latter winning by a foot only, proving the severity of the contest. Fourth heat: E. Chanter, 42 yds start; G. Luck, 43 (absent); C. Argent, 45 (absent). Chanter walked over. Fifth heat: D. Darby, 45 yds start; W. Hope, 54; E. Middleton, 55. A sustained contest throughout. Hope managing to make a winner by a yard. Sixth heat: J. Caffery, 35 yds start; D. Darby, 39 (absent); J. Bate, 40 (absent). A walk over brought together—First heat: E. Chanter, 42 yds start; W. Hope, 54. A game struggle, Chanter gaining gradually on his opponent to the finish, when they made a dead heat of it, the referee ordering them to run off after the next. 2nd heat: B. Youen, 45 yds start (absent); J. Caffery, 35, having a second easy task. Chanter and Hope again came together, when, after another game struggle, Chanter breasted the tape a yard in advance. 3rd heat—C. Eglington, 41 yds start; W. Evans, 50; a good race, Eglington winning by a yard. Nothing remained now but the winners, which was, after a short interval, called on. The winners, the former heats being E. Chanter, 42 yds start; J. Caffery, 35; C. Eglington, 41. A beautiful race to three-quarter distance, when Eglington went ahead and ran in an easy winner, Caffery second, Chanter in the rear, and heavily finishing. No betting worth recording. Mr. C. Bolton, referee.

PRINCE OF WALES' GROUNDS, HOLLOWAY GROUNDS.—There was anything but a bad attendance on Saturday last, proving that there is a sufficient interest in pedestrian sports in the Holloway Village to support two race grounds, and we doubt not that the attendance will increase weekly with good management. There were several acceptors who did not attend to contest the point. At half-past five the bell rung for the Handicap, and sport commenced with Dookin's Handicap, distance 110 yds, for novices. First heat: C. Clifford, 16 yds start; R. Denham, 14; C. Badger, 10; Clifford and Badger start; R. Denham walked over. Second heat: C. Cooper, 13; J. Shuttleworth, 15; Shuttleworth got the best of the start, in addition to the 5 yards, which made the running warm for Cooper; a fine race to within a dozen yards of home, when Cooper passed his man, and ran in a winner by a yard and a half. Third heat: E. Allen, 15 yds; W. Rogers, 14; C. Smith, 13 (absent). Rogers got the best of the start, and a beautiful race ensued, the men being breast, till reaching home, when Allen spurred forward, and ran in a winner by a yard. After half an hour's respite, the three winning men got on their respective marks. E. Cooper, 13; R. Denham, 14; E. Allen, 15. A good start and good race, to three-quarter distance, when Cooper made headway, and went in a winner by a yard, Denham second, Allen a good third, being close up. No betting. Mr. Badcock was referee.

MANCHESTER.

ROYAL OAK GROUNDS.—THE FASTEST ONE MILE RACE ON RECORD.—The hearing of the "Red of foot" had, last Saturday afternoon, the pleasure of wit and the excitement of the most magnificent struggles which have ever been recorded. Bill-Lane now the best of the Navigation Inn, Great Ancoats-street, electrified the admiring spectators by running one mile, at the City Grounds, in the unprecedented space of 4 min 22 sec. This was considered a wonderful performance, but "time works wonders." The match we are about to describe was between the celebrated Teddy Mills, of London (who has gained the surnames of "Young England"), and Patrick Stapleton, of Staleybridge, in



PROFESSOR HARRISON, THE STRONGEST MAN.

run one mile, on the round course at the above newly-formed leviathan grounds, for the sum of £25 a side. The weather was everything that could be desired, and the contest having been set down for six o'clock, enabled many persons to be present who could not otherwise have attended, and about 1,000 spectators were in attendance. On the previous Thursday a trotting match came off on the course (which is adapted both for pedestrianism and trotting), by which the ground was unavoidably cut up, and we were consequently much surprised to find that Mr. George Martin, the indefatigable proprietor, had so contrived as to have the ground in capital order, and all trace of the effect of the "ploughing up" entirely removed. How he managed to do this we do not undertake to say, unless he is as we heard one of the company say, "The Wizard of the North." The Staleybridge representative was made the favourite at 2 to 1 at the commencement, but the Little Cockney's friends came to the rescue, and the betting ultimately veered round and became 3 to 1 on Mills. The start was from the portable dressing-room, and the distances were marked by a yellow flag at the end of the first quarter of a mile, a red flag half a mile,

a blue flag three quarters of a mile, and the tape, of course, at the finish. With praiseworthy punctuality the competitors emerged on to the course stripped and ready for action. The condition of each was superb; Teddy looking brimful of confidence. Bill Price the respected Hackney Wick M.C. prepared Mills for this encounter; Stapleton being trained by Schofield, alias Joe O'Nancy's, of Moseley. Mr. G. Martin officiated as referee, and just prior to the start, a well-known book-maker laid Stapleton's backer £30 to £10. Teddy having half of the bet. On the signal being given the men dashed off, Mills poaching a yard start, and taking the lead, slightly increased his advantage, till the finish of the first quarter of a mile, when he was 2 yds ahead, time 1 min, clearly showing that the pace was most terrific. On going down the back stretch and about opposite the Van, Stapleton gained slightly upon his fleet opponent, but on reaching the red flag (half a mile) Mills was 2½ yds in advance. Time 2 min 8 sec. The race now became very exciting, for the pace was more like "sprinting" than the rate for a long distance. Mills stuck gamely to Master Teddy, and at the end of three-quarters of a mile was only 2 yards in rear. The excitement now became intense, both men going as if for their lives, for just before entering the straight run home Stapleton screwed himself together, rushed past Mills, and assumed the lead 4 yards in front. This unexpected turn in affairs was a "stunner," and the excitement now grew to fever pitch, the spectators shouting "Stapleton wins," "100 to 1 on Stapleton," &c. Mills's chance certainly seemed gone, but about 200 yards from home, he made a splendid start and collared Stapleton. The pair ran shoulder to shoulder for a few yards, each struggling for the lead, which was gained by Mills, and about 20 yards from the goal Stapleton was obliged from sheer exhaustion, being completely "pumped out," to resign the contest and staggered into the arms of a bystander. On referring to the chronometer the time was 4 min 20 sec, being the shortest time on record. A fresh match was subsequently made to run the same distance again at these grounds, on May 18, for £25 a side. Mr. G. Martin, the stakeholder and referee, has £10 a side, and 5 yards are due from each man May 14.

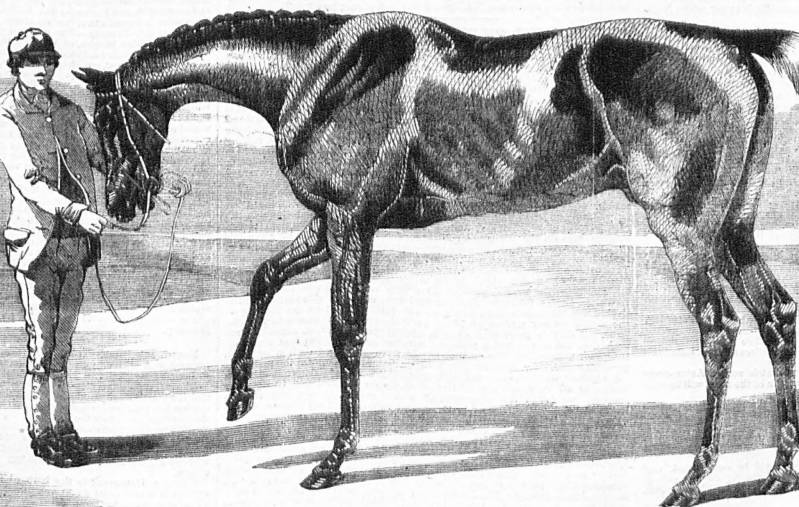
LONGLEY AND THOMPSON.—For the match between Wm. Longley, of Mill-bridge, and Daniel Thompson, of Dewsbury, to run a quarter of a mile, on May 14, Mr. G. Martin holds £15 a side, and the remainder must be made good on the day.

ALBION AND ANDREWS.—Sliah Albion, of Bowley, near Middleton, and James Andrews, of Millbrook, are matched to run 140 yards, for £25 a side, on May 18. G. Martin is in receipt of £1 a side, to be made into five notes each, May 2.

THOMPSON AND GREER.—Mr. G. Martin holds £10 a side, for the 600 yds spin between Daniel Thompson, of Dewsbury, and George Greer, of Hutton, for £25 a side, and the remainder of the money must be handed in on or before May 14. To take place May 21.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

FENHAM PARK RUNNING GROUNDS.—On Saturday last Mr. R. Emmerson's 175 yds handicap and a quarter-mile foot race were run off at these grounds. The weather was excellent for athletic sports, but the attendance was far short of what we should have desired on such an occasion. No doubt counter attractions prevented many from witnessing a very successful meeting. It must be understood the proprietors are desirous of introducing inducements to promote real foot-racing, and we believe in a short time one of the most handsome money prizes most likely ever offered in the kingdom will be given for competition. We are sure whenever the handicap is announced that the performers will number in numbers from the most noted towns in England. We perhaps are correct in hating that a long distance engagement would be excellent, and otherwise remunerative, and of interest. The first event on Saturday last was a 440 yds spin, for £20, between G. Brady, of Glasgow, and W. Watson, of Gateshead. The latter 10 yds start. The attendance was only indifferent. Betting 2 to 1 on Watson. About 330 p.m. a fair start was made, but it was soon plain that the giver of start was out of his latitude, as from the beginning he was manifestly inferior in speed to his opponent, and beyond once or twice approaching his rival by within a few yards, he was never able to take the lead, the result being that Watson, who, no doubt, had it all in him, put on the steam on nearing the finish, and won a one-sided and mistaking race, being 20 yds in advance. Mr. William Oldham, referee. The grounds were quickly cleared for the preliminary heats in the handicap; and, as 35 pick picks in the district felt satisfied with the arrangements, the muster was talented. 400 attended. First man, £25; second, £4; and third, £1. The sport commenced a little after 4 p.m., the first heat being won by G. Laverick, Newcastle, 39 yds start; beating W. Straker, Newcastle 37, 2; W. Robinson, Fenith, 34, 0. Won by one yard. Second heat: G. Busby, Durham, 38, 3. Won by two yards. Third heat: W. Linsley, Witton Gilbert, 31 yds start; beat J. Blomphrey, Bolden, 38, 2; and W. Younger, Shields, 36, 0. Won by one yard. G. Agas did not run. Fifth heat: G. Green, Hutton, 36 yds start, beat T. Willis, Sunderland, 39, by one and a half yards; A. Allan, Glasgow, 36, not running. Sixth heat: A. Kelly, Rotherham, 39 yds start, beat J. Haggerston, Berry Edge, 36, easily by four yards; W. Hall, Blaphoremouth, non est. Seventh heat: T. Bright, Ouseburn, 38 yds start, 1; P. McCreaw, Newcastle, 38, 2; and J. Armstrong, Newcastle, 4 10.



JOCO, WINNER OF THE GREAT METROPOLITAN STAKES.

En passant we may state Boy's unassuming manner alone was sufficient to call for respect. He was palpably nervous, forthright, and eager for the matter without displaying much sangrinity of issue. The articles stipulating that he should appear at nine o'clock place him in a position of some embarrassment, as he did not come until nearly eleven, at half past ten, in a pretty little cart, built by his trainer, put off from the shore amid general exclamations, and instantly took the necessary cauter, and, without a particle of inconsistency, his style was wonderful, and clean nearly beyond comparison. Such from a novice of few weeks training in the skiff is not a bad prognosis. As the boatmen were about to leave, we saw a small boat, with two men, one of whom was a well-known swimmer, who had been seen at the beach.

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match, on the homeward journey there is very little said in dwelling on the events of the day, and the conversation is devoted to the passing of time. Passing the steamer about half a mile from the goal, Boyd was first by 20 lengths at least, and rowing as fresh and with the same energy as at the start, he was urged to make a dash for it, and arguing that he had not time to lose, he did so, but he required no better criterion than the visage of the man to see the effect of his dash. For a moment the match was a dead heat, but in the match after this was the better looks of Boyd, as he increased faster and faster, finally winning by 250 yds or more, as near as could be guessed. Boyd was carried shoulder high to his quarters, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed on all sides. Then the match ended, and in the shape of a prize, the victor was given a pair of gloves, which were both of one color, but representing two distinct clubs. Boyd is the youngest by 10 years of the crew, and is married, having a wife and two children, and is married man with several children, and weighs upwards of 125 lb.

AULD AND LANE.—These Manchester men continue to post the "possibles" with commendable punctuality. To row over the Manchester and Saltaire Regatta Course, about two miles, on May 2. Both are in active training, and from the fact the men having previously defeated each other, and the help expected from the "compensating" game, a keenly contested race is sure to be the result.

MISFIRE OF A VACUUM.—The late P. R. Magna, Esq. of the Royal Victoria, has been left the better part of his estate in the hands of a legacy-woman, £1,000. He had previously been a magnificent contributor to its funds, and had defrayed the entire cost of the Tenby Lifeboat, and half that at Walmley. His other money having been given by the Royal Victoria, it is probable that the lady will have saved twenty-four shipwrecked persons since they have been on their stations.

The opening race of the season of this time-honoured institution, which has during the past two years received a fresh accession of good members from the universities and public schools, was rowed on Tuesday evening on the ebb the following crews having entered:—

SHOOTING.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
On Monday last the members of the Northern Shooting Club met on the Town Moor for a day's pigeon shooting, fifteen coming to the scratch. The contest for a silver-mounted powder-blast, which, after an exciting contest, was won by G. Turnbull, of Sunderland; J. Johnson, of Newcastle, got the second honors; and J. A. Swains, of Newcastle, was third. The first prize was won by the latter, who then got the fourteen members, 5s. each, first prize out of which was won by G. Benson, of Sunderland; J. Duncan, of Newcastle, second; and R. Duncan, of Newcastle, third.

Taking into consideration the quality of birds shot at, and the splendid manner in which bird after bird was brought to the ground, and most of the members being amateurs, and the scores made being equal, if not superior, many competitions composed of professional men, the very best the count could produce, it reflects great credit on the members for their skill as pigeon shooters. The members afterwards adjourned to the house of Mr. H. Ward, Rose fin, where the club is held, and spent a most convivial evening. The Rowland supplying the wants of the members, in his usual kind and obliging manner.

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1. Mr. Borsadelle
2. Mr. E. O. Berens
Mr. J. Williams (cox.)
3. Mr. L. Wharton
Mr. W. A. Bell (stroke)

The race was umpired by Mr. R. Lewis Lloyd, the captain, and the distance was from Humphreys' Point to Fatimy. Messrs. Fisher's and Berens' crews alone were treated as their stations were accompanied by two boats, which carried the umpire. The start was very evenly taken, and the two crews rowed a splendid race till they were well beyond the Crab Tree, where Mr. Berens had a slight lead, of which he was deprived almost as soon as he acquired it. At Crab Cottage Mr. Fisher, putting on a spurt, drew ahead, and, despite the strenuous exertions of the opposing crew, succeeded in winning by three lengths.

The annual race for the prize presented by Mr. Charles Clifford, who has earned a world-wide reputation by his boat-lowering apparatus, came off on Wednesday, and was attended by the Warrior, with a large party of ladies and gentlemen aboard. Mr. John Ireland was the umpire and starter, in the absence of Mr. Clifford, whose severe affliction the rowing world is no doubt aware of, and the heats came off as under:—

Mr. E. Ryan, Surrey Station.....	1
Mr. W. P. Cecil, Middlesex.....	0
Mr. G. D. Lister, centre.....	0

Mr. Cecil went away with a good lead, Ryan being last; but ere they had gone 200 yds he had disposed of Lister, and collaring Cecil at the London Bathouse, passed him, and led by half a length directly afterwards. I mean, 100 yds Ryan was clear; but immediately afterwards Cecil drew over his opponent's stern. This continue till within 200 yds of home, when Cecil again overplayed his opponent, and Ryan, who could not shake him off, barely won by half a length.

Second Heat.

Mr. F. Fenner, Surrey Station.....	1
Mr. C. E. Innes, Middlesex	0

Mr. Fenner soon drew away from his man, and was leading by half a length at the Star and Garter. Soon afterwards, however, Innes spirited up, and Fenner coming across him they fouled and were started again, when Fenner took the lead, and although his opponent rowed with great game, succeeded in holding his advantage all the way, and won by a length.

Mr. G. Ryan, Middlesex Station.....	1
Mr. F. Fenner, Surrey	0

Mr. Ryan, rowing more steadily than his opponent, went ahead at the start but Mr. Fenner came up with him immediately, and a desperate race was going on between them, when Mr. Fenner was seized with illness, and had to stop near the London Boathouse, Mr. Ryan going in a winner by himself.

In this age of civilisation it is purely reasonable that those habitual sports condemned alike for brutality and inconsistency, which a few years ago disgraced the mining population are now fast and surely disappearing, leaving only fading traces of a system regretted and shunned by the more moral and sociable of the circle. Cock-pits, dog-fighting, and other equally unnatural pastimes are making room for more rational recreations, and we are gratified to find that boat-rowing, one of the most sensible of British amusements,

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WANDSWORTH.—The match pending between these pedestrians was a split of 440 yds. for 210 a side, and they met on Mr. G. Woody's ground on Tuesday. The odds were 5 to 4 on Tomkins, the betting being of a spirited description. Mr. G. Woody, the proprietor, was chosen referee, and the preparatory matters having been adjusted, the competitors, who looked in admirable fettle, came to the mark. The competitors dashed off on the most even terms and raced well together until 300 yds of the distance had been covered. Tomkins showed superiority in speed, leaving Smethurst in the rear, and on termination of a fast-run race, Tomkins won by a dozen yards.

Avon-cross Grouns were extensively patronised on Monday last, several interesting matches being on the card for the day. Shortly after half-past three the first match, the 1st-6th vars, was played between Wraden and Tidvale, and Longmore, of Dudley Port for 10 svs. Longmore having a yard start. Both men were in good trim; Longmore attended by T. Thomas, of Tidvale, while Pagett waited on Wraden. After the usual amount of running out, which became tedious, they succeeded in starting without the players being able to get on their feet. Wraden was the first to leave the ground, and was followed by Longmore, who was followed by the last of the 2nd vars, and eventually won easily by three yards. Mr. Chillingworth, of Dudley, was the accepted referee.

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The next event was a mile walking match, between E. Nelson, of Herborne, a six-foot man, and J. Coleman, the veteran of Birmingham, who got on the mark after a preliminary walk or two, and were at once off, the referee's post being filed by a well-known pedestrian, Alec Graham, jun., of the Malt Shovel, Thomas-street. Nelson went to the front for the first half lap (there were six and 58 yds for the mile). Coleman here passed him at a warm pace, and retained the lead to the finish, gradually drawing away from his opponent, and winning by 12 yds.

Following the above came Nix's match against the gray horse, Butcher Boy, being backed for a bet of £10, to "do" 100 yds in nine seconds. After considerable delay, caused by the non-appearance of the tacker of the time, the gentleman came forward, and the ground was at once measured off. T. Mordy took up his position beside the referee, Mr. Bolton, as timekeeper. All being in readiness, the trigger was pulled, and Butcher Boy went tearing along, bearing Mr. Nix's head close on his ear, and who had neither whip nor spur as adapted in the match, completing the distance just within the allotted time.

Saturday.—At the conclusion of Gluee's Handicap, an off-hand match was run for a small stake, between Deakin, of Sutton, and Pemberton, of Birmingham, distance 120 yds, Deakin giving his opponent 10 yds start. They got off well from their respective marks. Deakin at once collared the "Bum," and running side-by-side "as easy as a glove," till a dozen yds from home, when he spurred forward, and won by four yards. A mutual friend did the needful as referee.

SPURRING MATCHES.—T. COOPER AND J. B. MOORE.—These well-known Blenheim clippers have been paired and stalked to run a quarter of a mile for £25 a side and a silver cup. They met at T. Cooper's Market Hall Tavern on Saturday (this evening, when there will, doubtless, be a brilliant gathering of the leading local pedestrians.

C. SMITH, a rising pup, and GEO. HILL, a veteran, both of Birmingham, are matched to run a lap round the Cross Grounds, Hill having a good start, for £2 a side; to come off on Monday, May 9.

J. WARDLE, of Leicester, will run a 240 yds spin with ATKINS, of Sutton, for £10 of £15 a side. Money ready at Moore's, Queen's-road, Aston-road, Birmingham.

W. COOPER, a rising pup, off at Aston-cross Grounds (this day) Saturday

and should the weather prove fine, will be sure to attract a good company.

PRINCE OF WALES'S GROUND, HOLLOWAY-HEAD.—**Deakin's Novice Handicap** also takes place at the above grounds this day, and promises a good afternoon sport.

W. WARTHAM, of Coventry, will give T. Browns, of Birmingham, one yard start in 200, for £20 a side. Money ready at T. Arden's, Sea Horse, New

Mr. Kiso, of the Sheffield Wine Vaults, Coventry, has a novice that he will match against any other novice in that town, to run 200 or 300 yds. for £10 side. Money ready as above.

STEVENS AND CAPPER.—For this interesting match £12 is now posted, and the next instalment of £1 10s. on the part of Stevens, and £1 on the part of Caffry, is due on Monday next at Sam Beasley's, Salford Inn, Philip-street, Aston Brook. They run on Whit-Monday.

MACCLESFIELD.
 Moss Rose Grounds.—Tomlinson and Dixon.—Samuel Tomlinson, Sto Kport, and John Dixon, of York, met at these grounds on Saturday last, run their race of 440 yds, for £10 a side. A limited number of spectators assembled to witness the race. The weather was exceedingly fine, and the course in admirable order. Betting opened at 6 to 4, and finally left off 5 to 4 in favour of Tomlinson. On the pistol being fired, Tomlinson got start by a furlong, which position he maintained until entering on the back stretch, where Dixon, who had cannoned against a tree, but soon recovered his equilibrium

